

NO ACTION YET BY THE BERKS AND BUCKS F.A.

THE Berks and Bucks F.A. are taking no action at the moment over Wycombe Wanderers' refusal to accept the county Senior Cup after beating Thatcham at Chesham on Monday. Having won 4-0 in extra time, Wanderers walked off the pitch and did not collect either the trophy or their winners medals.

Berks and Bucks secretary Charles Twelftree refused to issue any statement from the association on Wednesday but it is understood the council will not be meeting to discuss the incidents this week.

Wycombe's refusal to accept the trophy was their form of protest against the county's decision not to allow them into the London Senior Cup. Wanderers have applied for permission for the last three years but each time it has been refused and their latest application was turned down without apparent reason.

So, after struggling to beat their Hellenic League opponents in Monday's final, the Wycombe players left the Berks and Bucks officials somewhat red-faced, waiting in vain to present the trophy. Thatcham did collect their losers medals but there was no sign of Wycombe and the county officials returned home with the trophy and winners medals.

The Berks and Bucks could consider Wycombe's actions as bringing the game into disrepute and it seems inevitable they will take some form of action — probably in the shape of a fine. But at the moment, county officials are staying tight-lipped about the whole situation.

PROBLEMS

The post-match incident was not the only trouble on the day — there were also problems on the field. With the final only 11 minutes old, Keith Mead was sent off for swearing after the referee, Ken Walker of Slough, had spoken to Terry Reardon for a similar offence. Mead stressed afterwards that he was talking to Reardon and not the referee.

It is understood Wycombe will appeal against the dismissal and it is not clear at present whether a possible suspension would come into effect this season or next. Wycombe, however, feel they have a good case for the appeal.

Meanwhile, Wanderers get back to their all-important Rothmans Isthmian League campaign tomorrow (Saturday) when they face a difficult task at Bishop's Stortford.

This has been a contrasting season for the Hertfordshire Club after their achievements last year. They finished third in the league last term, won the last-ever Amateur Cup competition and also the Herts Senior Cup.

They began this season in great form by beating Enfield 3-1 at home in the second match but then some of the established players began to drift away. John Still and Tony Gibson joined Ilford as did Tony Bass, while Dennis Murphy, their star in the Amateur Cup final, left for Walthamstow Avenue. Ray Coombes, John Payne and John Dear also left.

In January their successful manager Ted Hardy quit and soon afterwards took over from Tommy Lawrence at Enfield.

The man to take Hardy's

place was Ian Wolstenholme, the former Enfield and Slough goalkeeper. He had the task of rebuilding the team around those who had stayed from last season. Goalkeeper Terry Moore remained along with skipper Dave Lawrence, Martin Smith and Peter Leakey.

Among the new players at the club are Tony Martin, the blond defender from Hitchin and Ivan Johnson a full back who signed from Harlow. Others include Colin Rufus, Trevor Blacktin, Kevin Mulkern, Roy Little, Peter Watson and John McKenzie.

For a time, Stortford struggled to find any form and at one stage slumped into a run of only two victories in seven games. They also failed in the two cup competitions, losing to Leatherhead in the first round of the F.A. Cup 2-0 after a 0-0 draw and going out to Romford in the F.A. Trophy.

Recently, however, results have improved and in the last two weeks, Stortford have completed doubles over Slough and Kingstonian. Latest result was their 3-1 victory over Kingstonian.